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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Agency ELINT Training Program

REFERENCE : Memorandum dated 3 March 1959 with Tabs A and B and Attachments to Tab B, Same Subject

1. I have concurred in the referenced paper provided that the DD/P is allotted more than the currently proposed three development slots. While I do not propose, at this time, a specific larger number, I submit that the present proposal is less than adequate.

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4. I agree with the caveat Mr. Amory placed on his concurrence in this paper. The role of the Agency in ELINT collection is by no means clear, but it does seem to me that we should not follow the path taken by the services in this field in which they have concentrated more and more effort on OB type information of less and less significance. It is my view that CIA should concentrate on a selectivity in ELINT collection and cease working old and well ploughed fields of diminishing worth. I recognize that the foregoing does not have direct bearing

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on the proposed training program, but I mention it because it does strongly condition my thinking in this whole field.

5. As a final matter I might note that while there is provision in the syllabus for instruction covering ELINT requirements, the purpose of ELINT, what ELINT can and can't do, etc., such instruction has been included primarily for DD/P case officers. I am of the view that it is also essential for all other personnel engaged in any aspect of ELINT.

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